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Electronic recycling event deemed a success

LĪHU'E – County officials report that the e-waste recycling event held last weekend was very successful.

Nearly 530 residents and 230 businesses came to the event, bringing assorted electronic items for recycling.

"It is very encouraging that Kaua'i residents turned out in such great numbers to properly dispose of potentially hazardous material, and to preserve precious space at our landfill," said Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Jr.

A total of 16 shipping containers full of material was collected over the two-day event.

As a result, an estimated 112 tons of electronics were diverted from the Kekaha Landfill and are now in transit to Seattle, WA, where they will be dismantled and their components recycled.

By comparison, the previous county sponsored e-waste event held in 2009 filled eight shipping containers that weighed 68 tons.

For those who were unable to participate in the recent e-waste recycling event, another one is scheduled in December.

A privately sponsored recycling event hosted by Sims Recycling Solutions will take place at Vidinha Stadium on Dec. 9 and 10. The details of the event are posted on the county website at www.kauai.gov/recycling.

For more information about recycling, visit the county website or call the County Recycling Office at 241-4837.

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